GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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LEVY SUGAR TO BIHAR
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirement of levy sugar in Bihar and the quantity of sugar supplied to the State at present;

(b) the quantity of levy sugar supplied to the State alongwith their requirement during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of levy sugar in the said State; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps taken to supply the required quantity of sugar to the said State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Central Government allocates levy sugar for distribution under Public Distribution System (PDS) to the State of Bihar at the rate of 425 grams per head per month. With effect from 1.3.2000, the Central Government has adopted the projected population as on 1.3.1999 as against 1991 census population base for the purpose of levy sugar allocation. Accordingly, Bihar State`s monthly levy sugar quota was increased from 36707 MTs. to 41707 MTs. Subsequently, with effect from 1.7.2000, the income tax assesses and their family members have been excluded from supply of levy sugar. Accordingly, the monthly levy sugar quota of Bihar with effect from 1.7.2000 was reduced to 40545 MTs.

As the levy sugar allocation to the States/UTs is based on the per capita per month norm, it is not related to the levy sugar requirements by the State Government.

(c) & (d) : The lifting and distribution of levy sugar within the State/UT is the sole responsibility of the concerned State Government/UT Administration. Bihar State Government has not reported any shortage in levy sugar allocation.